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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-75900  
Application No: 09/923,588  
Filing Date: August 7, 2001  
Inventor(s): Thomas E. Tahan  
Title: CONTROLLED INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN COMMUNITIES VIA A FIREWALL  
Examiner: Schubert, Kevin R.  
Group/Art Unit: 2137

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**  
(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/923,588, filed on August 7, 2001, entitled CONTROLLED INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN COMMUNITIES VIA A FIREWALL.

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## **Application Elements**

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2.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Copies of IDS Citations
3. Amendments  
 An amendment is enclosed.  
 Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on November 18, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
 Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
 Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  Please enter the enclosed affidavits or declarations.
5.  Return Receipt Postcard
6.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
7.  Other:

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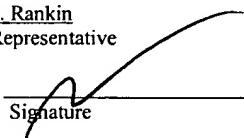
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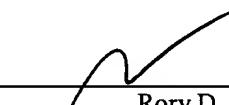
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